

1 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Ed Decker Way" - Oak Street between Van
2 Ness and Franklin Street]

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3 **Resolution adding the Commemorative Street Name "Ed Decker Way" on Oak Street**
4 **between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street, in recognition of Ed Decker's retirement**
5 **from the New Conservatory Theatre Center and in celebration of his founding of the**
6 **organization 45 years ago.**

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8 WHEREAS, Ed Decker is the Founder and Artistic Director of the New Conservatory
9 Theatre Center (NCTC) and has led the organization for 45 years, having grown it into San
10 Francisco's premiere LGBTQ+ theatre center and a leader in arts education and queer and
11 allied theatre production; and

12 WHEREAS, The New Conservatory Theatre Center, located at the intersection
13 between Van Ness and Oak St, has produced more than 50 world premieres by established
14 and emerging queer playwrights, employed thousands of Bay Area theatre professionals and
15 teaching artists, and launched the careers of nationally recognized theatre artists; and

16 WHEREAS, Decker has been a Bay Area theatre maker, activist, and arts educator
17 since 1974, working with a broad swath of artists, political leaders, audiences, community
18 organizers, local businesses, and volunteers; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1986, as a response to the AIDS epidemic sweeping the nation, Ed
20 created the landmark YouthAware Touring Educational Theatre program to educate and raise
21 awareness among young audiences about the impact of HIV/AIDS, which has gone on to
22 reach more than 800,000 students throughout the Bay Area and Northern California; and

23 WHEREAS, Decker originated NCTC's Conservatory and after school Satellite
24 programs with scholarships and low to no-cost programming, ensuring that every child can
25 participate regardless of ability to pay; and

1 WHEREAS, He is also a nationally recognized playwright; and

2 WHEREAS, His leadership has earned him numerous awards and recognition
3 including KQED's Local Hero Award, Stop AIDS Project Chuck Frutchey Award, an Endeavor
4 Foundation Award and two San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Arts Excellence Awards;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, He has made significant and remarkable contributions to the artistic and
7 cultural fabric of San Francisco, and his long and dedicated history of theatre production, arts
8 education, and community engagement truly represents San Francisco values at their best;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, In order to celebrate the legacy and contributions of Ed Decker, there
11 shall be a commemorative street naming of "Ed Decker Way" on Oak Street between Van
12 Ness Avenue and Franklin Street; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the San
14 Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency ("SFMTA") fabricate and install a street sign to be
15 hung under the existing "Oak St" sign at the intersections of Van Ness Avenue and Oak
16 Street; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Public Works is directed to add the
18 honorary street name to its official list of Commemorative Street Names in accordance with
19 Public Works Code, Section 789 et seq.

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